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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of  
POMPEJUS et al. )  
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International Application  
PCT/EP 98/08382 )  
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Filed: December 18, 1998 )  
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For: OROTIDINE-5'-PHOSPHATE DECARBOXYLASE GENE, GENE CONSTRUCT  
COMPRISING THIS GENE AND ITS USE

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Zeta  
10/23/00

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 3, line 2, delete "or 2".

Claim 5, line 3, delete "or 2".

Claim 7, lines 1 and 2, delete "or 6".

Claim 8, line 2, delete "or 6".

Claim 9, line 4, delete "or 2".

Claim 10, line 4, delete "or 2".

Claim 12, line 1, delete "or 11".

Claim 13, line 1, delete "any of claims 10 to 12" and insert --claim 10--.

Claim 14, line 2, delete "or 2".

REMARKS

The claims were amended in the preliminary examination. The claims have been amended further to eliminate multiple dependency and to put them in better form for U.S. filing.

No new matter is included.

Favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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